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For: NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING SPINOCEREBELLAR ATAXIA-2 AND PRODUCTS RELATED THERETO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 form(s) is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicants further request that a copy of the 1449 form(s), marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

The present patent application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/US97/07725, filed may 8, 1997, which is a C.I.P. of Serial No. 08/727,084, filed October 8, 1996 (pending). Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), Applicants have not included copies of the documents listed on the 1449 form which have been previously submitted in the parent applications.

Copies of all documents not previously submitted in the parent applications which are newly cited in the present patent application are enclosed herewith. These newly cited documents include the following:

U.S. Patent No. 5,741,645, Orr et al. (April 21, 1998)

Banfi, et al., "Identification and characterization of the gene causing type 1 spinocerebellar ataxia," Nature Genetics, 7, 513-519 (1994).

Filla et al., "Prevalence of hereditary ataxias and spastic paraplegias in Molise, a region of Italy," J. Neurol., 239, 351-353 (1992).

Kremer, et al., "Mapping of DNA Instability at the Fragile X to a Trinucleotide Repeat Sequence p(CCG)n," Science, 252, 1711-1714 (1991).

MacDonald et al., "A Novel Gene Containing a Trinucleotide Repeat That Is Expanded and Unstable on Huntington's Disease Chromosomes," Cell, 72, 971-983 (1993).

Mahadevan, et al., "Myotonic Dystrohpy Mutation: An Unstable CTG Repeat in the 3' Untranslated Region of the Gene," Science, 255, 1253-1255 (1992).

Polo et al., "Heredetiary Ataxias and Paraplegias in Cantabria, Spain," Brain, 114, 855-866 (1991).

Rubensztein, et al., Phenotypic Characterization of Individuals with 30-40 CAG Repeats in the Huntington Disease (HD) Gene Reveals HD Cases with 36 Repeats and Apparently Normal Elderly Individuals with 36-39 Repeats," Am. J. Hum. Genet., 59, 16-22 (1996).

Also enclosed is an International Search Report from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number with any questions.

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper is being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 23 day of September, 1998.

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